

Third Africa Food Environment Research Network Meeting

#FERN2023



THEME: Facilitating the identification, collation, and valorisation of food environment research, policy, and practice in Africa.

PROGRAMME

- From 01 to 03 November 2023
- Every day from 12:00 PM GMT+0/Ghana Time
- Virtual on Zoom
- Visit: <https://www.afern.org/fern2023/> for more information

DAY 1 (November 01, 2023)

Sub-theme: Food environments research, policy, and practice in Africa (select practice exemplars)

TIME	TOPIC AND SPEAKERS
12:05 – 12:10	Welcome & overview of the meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">Amos Laar (UG) & Peter Delobelle (UCT)
12:10 – 12:40	Opening plenary <ul style="list-style-type: none">Amos Laar (UG)
12:40 – 14:00	Panel - Improving food environments and food systems in Africa: policy innovations Chair: Peiman Milani (The Rockefeller Foundation) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Sameera Mahomedy (PRICELESS SA): SSB tax in (South Africa)Rina Swart (UWC): Labelling Regulations (Draft R3337) (South Africa)Gershim Asiki (APHRC): Kenya's food environment policy experience (Kenya)Richmond Aryeetey (UG): FBDGs, HD4HL Policies (Ghana)Habiba Hassan-Wassef (ASRT): Egypt experience (Egypt)Ali Jafri (UM6SS): Morocco's food environment policy experience (Morocco)
14:00-14:20	BREAK (20 MINS BREAK)
14:20-15:20	Presentations- Food environments research & practice in Africa: Sampled exemplars <ul style="list-style-type: none">Tamryn Frank (UWC): Food industry expenditure on television marketing a cross-country comparison in Sub-Saharan Africa.Rebecca Pradeilles (IRD, IFPRI): The TAMMIE project: Tackling Multiple forms of Malnutrition in Ethiopia amongst women of reproductive age & children < 5 in Ethiopia.Paul Currie: (ICLEI): AfriFOODlinksFiorella Picchioni (NRI), Paul Kwame Nkegbe (UDS): Political Economy Analysis of Food Industry (PEAFI) in SSAGideon Amevinya (UG): Healthier Diets for Healthy Lives ProjectCharles Agyemang (UvA): Generation H project
15:20-15:40	BREAK (20 MINS BREAK)
15:40-16:40	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Milka Wanjohi (APHRC): Food marketing around schoolsPeter Delobelle (UCT): FoodSAMSA projectIsabel Madzorera (UBC): Future of Health and Economic Resiliency in Africa (FHera) InitiativeMark Lundy (CIAT), Celine Termote(CIAT), Christine Chege(CIAT) Intervening in the urban FE for healthy & sustainable diets in AfricaGideon Itheme (MOUAU) & Semnen Lambert Osakue (Choices International): Enabling food environment research and policy actions in Nigeria.Jane Battersby-Lennard Arua/The Guild Cluster of Excellence
16: 40 – 16:45	Summary of the day <ul style="list-style-type: none">Annabel Yeboah-Nkrumah (UG)

DAY 2 (November 02, 2023)

Sub-theme: Monitoring our commitments, and our food environments/systems transformation efforts

TIME	TOPIC AND SPEAKERS	
12:00 – 12:05	Welcome and objectives of the day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mulenga Mukanu (IDinsight) 	
12:05 – 12:50	Panel-Food Systems Transformation: Commitments Monitoring & Conflict of Interest in Africa Chair: Peter Delobelle (UCT) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Habiba Hassan-Wassef (ASRT): Africa’s commitments Silver Nanema (UG): ATOR Health Chapter John Ulimwengu (IFPRI): CAADP indicators and food systems 	
12:50-13:40	Monitoring Foods Systems Transformation Globally <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kate Schneider (JHU): Food Systems Countdown Initiative Rebecca McLaren (GAIN), Olutayo Adeyemi (Nutrition Consultant) & Adetola Otunla (UI): Food Systems Dashboard 	
13:40-14:00	Transforming food systems requires addressing the Commercial Determinants of Health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mélissa Mialon (TCD) 	
14: 00 – 14:15	BREAK (15 MINUTES)	
	Abstract session (parallel streams)	
14:15 – 15:15	Track A: Food System Actors & Policy (Opportunities and Gaps) Chair: Zandile Mchiza (SMRC) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Pauline Nakitende Hibbah Osei-Kwasi Olawale F. Olaniyan Reynald Santos Carmen Klinger Tamryn Frank 	Track B: Food Environment Monitoring & Innovative Approaches Chair: Ali Jafri (UM6SS) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Christopher Turner Adrien Dogo Elizabeth Okonkwo Nicole Holliday Helen Bour Mrignyani Sehgal Annabel Yeboah-Nkrumah
15: 15 – 15:20	TRANSITION (5 MINUTES)	
15:20 – 16:20	Track C: Food Choice & Diet Quality Chair: Milkah Wanjohi <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Samukelisiwe Madlala Julia Liguori Sejla Isanovic Wilhemina Quarpong Morgan Boncyk Janosch Klemm 	Track D: Nutrition and Health Chair: Carolyn Auma (UL) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Mulalo Kenneth Muhali Karen Morris Akhona Nkwanyana Alfred Apubuos Azure Jane Nyarko Barnes Moses Ekwueme
16:20 – 16:25	Summary of the day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Klinger Carmen (UCT) 	

DAY 3 (November 03, 2023)
Sub-theme for Day 3: Capacity building and open fora

TIME	TOPIC AND SPEAKERS
12:00 – 12:05	Welcome – Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phyllis Addo (UHAS)
12:05 – 13:05	Capacity Building 1: AI & Machine Learning in Food Environment Research. How can it be adapted to the African context. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hala Ghattas (UofSC) Shady Elbassuoni (AUB) Christelle Akl (AUB)
13:05-13:35	Capacity building 2: INFORMAS: New Food Systems policy index <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Celia Burgaz (Sciensano)
13:35-13:45	Solidarity message <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greg Hallen (IDRC)
13: 45 – 14:00	BREAK (15 MINUTES)
	Public consultations <i>Moderator: Reginald Annan (KNUST)</i>
14:00-14:30	Political Economy Analysis of Food Systems <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fiorella Picchioni (NRI)
14:30-15:00	Food Environment Framework <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christopher Turner (NRI)
15:00–15:45	Food Environment mapping <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mulenga Mukanu (IDinsight)
15:45 -15:50	Closing remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peter Delobelle (UCT)



PRESENTERS FOR THE ABSTRACT-DRIVEN SESSION

Track A: Food System Actors & Policy (Opportunities and Gaps)

Pauline Nakitende	Barriers And Facilitators to Policy Implementation in The Food Environment in Uganda
Hibbah Osei-Kwasi	The Effectiveness of Food Marketing Restrictions Policies: An Overview
Olawale F. Olaniyan	Evaluation Of Institutional Capacities of The Gambia Indigenous Livestock Multipliers' Associations in Ensuring a Sustainable Food System
Reynald Santos	Identifying Priority Actions for The Creation of Healthy Food Environments Through Public Policies in Benin
Carmen Klinger	Recommendations For and Best Practices by The Formal Food Industry to Address Undernutrition and the Double Burden of Malnutrition: A Scoping Review
Tamryn Frank	Food Industry Expenditure on Television Marketing: A Cross-Country Comparison in Sub-Saharan Africa

Track B: Food Environment Monitoring & Innovative Approaches

Christopher Turner	Capturing The Moment: A Snapshot Review of Contemporary Food Environment Research Featuring Participatory Photography Methods
Adrien Dogo	Characterization And Challenges of Food Environments of Children Under-five in North Benin Drylands
Elizabeth Okonkwo	Assessment Of Retail Food Environment and Dietary Diversity Among Undergraduate Students in Michael Okpara University of Agriculture Umudike
Nicole Holliday	Drivers And Levers of The Double Burden of Malnutrition in South Africa: Protocol for A Complex Systems Mapping Exercise
Helen Bour	Food Systems Mapping: A Scoping Review of Challenges and Innovations In Ghana's Coastal Areas
Mrignyani Sehgal	Scoping Review: Food Environment in Tanzania
Annabel Yeboah-Nkrumah	Research on food environments in Africa: a mapping exercise

Track C: Food Choice & Diet Quality

Samukelisiwe Madlala	A Scoping Review on The Relationship Between Adult Food Choices, Local Retail Food Environments and Food Access in Resource-Poor Communities
Julia Liguori	Menus And Meals Served to School Pupils in Ghana's Greater Accra Region: A Secondary Analysis
Sejla Isanovic	Alignment Between Food-Safety Policies and Perspectives of Consumers in Three African Countries
Wilhemina Quarpong	An Analysis of Food Provisioning Policies and Programmes in Government Basic Schools in Ghana
Morgan Boncyk	Animal Source Food Consumption and Allocation in Low-income Households in Nairobi County, Kenya
Janosch Klemm	Increased food budget is associated with shift towards dietary risk factors for NCDs among adolescents in the urban food environment.

Track D: Nutrition and Health

Mulalo Kenneth Muhali	Multimedia Entertainment Nutrition Health Intervention: Lessons from A Pilot Project in South Africa
Karen Morris	Increasing Resilience to The Sars-Cov-2 Virus and Other Health Threats In Food Insecure Communities
Akhona Nkwanyana	Scoping Review Protocol Exploring the Relationship Between Food Insecurity, Mental Health, And Diet Intake Among Adolescents Across the Globe.
Alfred Apubuos Azure	Child Nutrition and Health Indicators as Predictors of Academic Performance Among Primary School Children in Binduri District, Ghana
Jane Nyarko Barnes	The Effect of Nutrition Education on Overweight and Obesity Knowledge in A Rural Area in Ghana
Moses Ekwueme	The Potential of School Meal Programs to Tackle Rising Overweight and Obesity Rates Among Schoolchildren in Africa

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